PROUTY ASKS PROBE OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Wants Congress to Determine If Washington Is Capable of Self-Government.

(Continued from First Page.) also is the author of a bill to solve the assessment problem here. He proposes that the value of improvements be listed separately from real estate and that 5 per cent a year be deducted for depreciation of improvements. He prodepreciation of improvements. He pro-uoses a further reduction of 10 per cent a year, for five years, in the as-sessment totals on improvements his entire proposal hewing c osely to the single tax idea. Mr. Balley would ex-empt personal property of all kind from taxation.

George Tax Bill Is to Be Redrafted by Prouty

The George tax bill providing a new system of taxation in the District is to redrafted so that its provisions will include intangible and personal property. This redraft, decided upon today by This redraft, decided upon today by a majority of the District Committee, is to be made by Congressman Prouty of Iowa. This meets the determination of a majority of the committee, led by Chairman Johnson, to tax intangible property, counter to the hopes and judgment of District residents and officials. Or ginally the George bill provided for the taxation of real estate only at full value. Last Thursday personal and invalue. value Last Thursday, personal and in-tengible property was added, and con-sequently remaining sections of the bill are out of plumb with the amended first and second sections. Mr. George, being out of sympathy with the proposal to redraft the language of the bill so as to include property other than real estate, suggested that Mr. Prouty, author of the amendment which brought on the le, be given the task. Mr. Prouty reluctantly agreed, and hopes to have the reshaped bill ready for final action Thursday. could be perfected by striking out the words "real estate" wherever they occur in succeeding sections and inserting "taxable property." Mr. George feared confusion, and also wants two boards on assessment—one for personal property and the other for real estate. The discussion prevented the committee from making progress and its reference to Mr. Prouty was gnally ordered. The committee went on record in favor of an amendment, which will have the effect of permitting other than District residents to be named as tax assessor and assistant assessors. It is provided that the only qualifications hall be good moral character and competency. The Commisioners, under such language, might go outside the District for capable men, if they saw fit.

Commissioners Oppose Bills Fixing Working Day

The Commissioners sent to Congress today unfavorable reports on the bills to regulate the hours of labor on contracts in the District and prohibiting labor on buildings on Sunday. The Commissioners say they see no reason for the enactment of the former bill because | bill in its original form enacted into a

Reports also were made on several of other bills affecting the District. As a substitute for the House bill to change the method of garbage co lection, which they say does not provide definite means for doing the work, the board recommends the adoption of the House bill in which provision is made for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the investigation of the matter of the collection and disposal of city waste.

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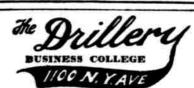
An unfavorable report is made on the bill providing for the construction of a bridge across the Anacostia river. The commissioners to extend, open, or commissioners to extend, open, or commissioners to extend unfavorably, also, on the bill introduced by Congressman Ben Johnson to amend the current District appropriation bill by repealing the section authorizing the Commissioners to extend, open, or

Acid Stomachs Are **Dangerous**

Common Sense Advice by a Distinguished Specialist.

"Acid" stomachs are dangerous be cause acid irritates and inflames the delicate lining of the stomach, thus hindering and preventing the proper action of the stomach, and leading to probably nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble from which people suffer. Ordinary medicines and medicinal treatments are useless in such cases, for they leave the source of the trouble, the acid in the stomach, as dangerous as ever. The acid must be neutralized, and its formation prevented, and the best thing for this purpose is a teaspoonful of bisurated magnesia, a simple antacid, taken in a little warm or cold water after eating, which not only neutralizes the acid, but also prevents the fermentation from which acidity is developed. Foods which ordinarily cause greatest distress may be eaten with impunity if the meal is followed with a little bisurated magnesia, which can be obtained from any druggist, and fer. Ordinary medicines and med cinal can be obtained from any druggist, and should always be kept handy.—Advt.

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LEO M. FRANK. This is a reproduction of the condemned man's latest photograph.

widen any street, avenue, road, or highway, in accordance with the highway plan.

Prior to the passage of this act it was necessary in providing for all street extensions that separate measures be introduced in Congress.

Unfavorable action is recommended also on the bill to acquire certain land in Washington Heights for a public square to be known as Columbia square. The board already has recommended the acquisition of a park in the northeast section and say that in their judgment, this is the only park which should be acquired at the present time.

Unfavorable action is recommended on the bills providing for the extension of Albermarle street, from Wisconsin avenue.

pile of trash and that it was obtained there.
The defendant's attorneys are still the bills providing for the extension of Albermarle street, from Wisconsin avenue to Thirty-ninth street; the extension of M street, from Fifteenth street to Twentieth street northeast; the exension of First street east, and the widening of Benning road. Existing legislation, the Commissioners point out, authorizes them to provide for street extension. The legislation proposed is, therefore unnecessary. heir investigations.

Labor Federation to Fight Prouty Measure

The members of the Maryland State and District of Columbia Federation of Labor have been called upon by their officers to do everything in their power! winds. to defeat the Prouty amendment to the George bill and at the same time to exert every effort to have the George

they are required by act of Congress, approved June 19, 1912, to include in all contracts a provision that no laborer or mechanic shall be permitted to work more than eight hours in any one calender day.

In the legislative agent of the organization in the District, P. J. Ryal, received a letter today from J. R. Neal, secretary-treasurer of the organization, directing him to start a campaign. In reference to the bill prohibiting directing him to start a campaign anday labor, the Commissioners say against the bill immediately. There are he amount of such work is inconsidersaid to be 150,000 members of the orcontration in Washington and Maryould prohibit its performance would e detrimental to the public good.

Reports also were made on several of enlist the aid of the individual mem-

FRANK'S LIFE HANGS SAYS MOST CITIES ON DIM PENCIL LINE

Counsel Hopes to Prove the Famous "Death Note" Was Not Written in His Office.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 10 .- On the faintest, lightest caroon impression of the signature, "H. F. Becker," hangs the hope of the friends of Leo M. Frank that he will not be hanged for the murder of Mary Phagan, for which he stands convicted. The attorneys for the condemned man believe that new evidence they have discovered within the last week will obtain a new trial and a reversal of the verdict that was pronounced against him.

The so-called "death note," which

played so important a part in the prose cution of Frank was written on ar order blank. It was contended by the prosecution at the trial that the note was written in Frank's office at his dictation. The discovery that has been made is that the blank on which the note was written is an old, used order blank that had been signed by the former master mechanic of the manufacturing establishment in which Frank was employed, and in which the murder is alleged to have been committeed. The faint traces of the signature of this man, H. F. Becker, were found on the blank. It was only the carbon impression of the signature. This led to a search of the orders that were signed by this man-they were all numberedand it das discovered that the original of the number borne by the death note was signed in 1909, and that the discarded book of dupicates had been placed in a pile of trash in the basement where the body was found.

If this evidence is found to be true, If this evidence is found to be true, it will upset entirely the story told by the star witness for the prosecution. This colored man testified that the note was written on an order blank Frank took from his desk, and that it was one of Frank's own order blanks. The friends of Frank contend that they can show the blank could not have been in Frank's office, but that it was really in the basement that it was really in the basemen

investigating. The W. J. Burns de-tective agency is working on the case and no steps will be taken for the prisoner until the detectives complete

THE WEATHER REPORT.

For the D'strict-Fair tonight; Nednesday, increasing cloudiness. Maryland-Fair tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness; light to moderate variable winds. Virginia—Fair and warmer tonight; Wednesday, unsettled; probably rain in west portion; light to moderate west

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2 p. m 43	2 p. m 5
	The temperature at the United State and Affleck's: U. S. BUREAU. 8 a. m

TIDE TABLE, High tide, 6:30 a. m. and 6:55 p. m. tide, 12:43 a. m. and SUN TABLE. Sun rises...... 6:18 | Sun sets.

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Colpoys Finds Per Capita Cost of High School Education Is High Here.

(Continued from First Page.) eil, Fall River, Worcester, Detroit, Minneapolis, Omaha, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, Ruffalo, New York, Syracuse, Cleveland, Dayton, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Provi-dence, Richmond, Seattle, and Spo-

kane.

The large number of incidental expenses in the Washinston high schools, asserts the labor secretary, are the direct cause of the high cost of the high school course.

"In trying to strike a general average of cost to parents." Mr. Colpoys explained, "we first consider such items as car fare, textbooks, and the boys' cadet suits.

Majority Must Ride.

'A large majority of high school pupils must ride to school. Counting forty weeks to the school year, you have an outlay of \$20 for that item alone. The initial outlay books is not less than \$5, if the books are purchased new from retail dealers. By the end of the year this item is increased from \$2 to \$4 for other books in the English

for other books in the English courses, notebooks, etc.

"After that time channels of expenditure vary with the different schools. In some schools there are locker fees; at McKinley there are mechanical drawing sets, costing about \$3.50, to be bought; in all the schools, if the pupil takes physics or chemistry, there are laboratory fees. In Business High School there are extra expenditures for paper, and for girls there are gymnasium suits to be bought, if the girls are to have advantage of physical trainto have advantage of physical train-

ing."
"In addition to these expenses, Mr. Colpoys said, there are other expenses that must be met by a pupil un-less he is to be socially ostracised. There are teh athetic association fees, the subscriptions to school pa-pers, the dramatic productions, lun-cheons, and so on.

Criticism For "Fads."

"Fads in the schools not only increase the cost to the community,' said Mr. Colpoys, "but they lessen the usefulness of the schools to the Pupil

"A pupil does not get as much now in the grades as he did formerly. I have no fault to find with sewing. cooking, drawing, or carpentry in the schools for those who can afford

the schools for those who can afford the time. But with many poor boys who must begin to work early, these things are robbing them of time they might put to better use.

"We should be the ones to favor such courses as those in carpentry and cooking and drawing. But I am convinced that the smattering of these subjects pupils get in the schools is of little practical value. But the maintenance of the courses costs heavily." costs heavily."

The labor union has received the indorsement of schools in its fight for free text books throughout the

Socialists Force Out Italian Government

ROME, March 18.-Glovanni Giolisti, premier of Italy, and his cabinet resigned this afternoon. The withdrawal of the cabinet was due largely to the socialist opposition in the chamber of deputies to the approbation of the gov-ernment's expenditures in the war with

Committee of 100 Educate Congress

Action Likely on District Tax Problems at Meeting of Body to Be Held at the Willard Tomorrow.

Dignified, yet decisive action by the committee of 100, in support of the present District of Columbia tax system, is likely at the meeting of that body tomorrow at the New Willard, when a report of the executive committee will be made by its chairman, Henry B. F. Macfarland.

The report will emphasize the fact that the committee's activities are to be for the continued progress of Washington. To bring this about, the committee believes, it must quicken the interest of Congressmen and citizens of the nation at large in the National Capital.

WILL EDUCATE LEGISLATORS. magnificent plans, which are beyond the ability of local residents." The methods by which this may be brought about are outlined by Chairman Macfarland as follows: "In various ways to exercise the constitutional right of petition: First, by laying the facts before our constitutional legislators, and especially our personal friends in the Senate and the House; second, by informing representative citizens throughout the country of the dangers now threatening the Capital, so that they may express the views commonly held by patriotic citizens respecting the nation's city; third, to employ no paid agents and to expend no money except in the dissemination of information. They Have Confidence

They Have Confidence.

"We have confidence in the wis-

dom and justice of the Senate and

the Senators and all the member

Capital."

of the House are informed of the

facts they will defeat any attempt

to halt the progress of the National

Dr. H. W. Wiley, chairman of the

Committee of 100, left today for

Brooklyn, where he will address the

Good Health Food League tonight,

but he will return in time to preside

the executive committee, who was

mentioned by Congressman Ben

Johnson in his criticism of the com-

mittee, on the floor of the House

yesterday, intimated today that he

would make a complete reply to Mr. Johnson after reading the full record of the Kentuckian's remarks.

"In the meantime," remarked Mr. Warner, "my office is crowded with

Brainard H. Warner, a member of

at the meeting tomorrow.

A system of education, of enlightenment to acquaint members of both branches of Congress with the complicated requirements that exist here, will be the plan put up to the entire committee tomorrow. How necessary to the progress of Washington is the fact that the Federal alike in the expenses of the District will be shown by the citizens.

The purpose of the committee will be to inform members of Congress how much property there is in the District; how much of it is owned by the Federal Government, and is therefore exempt from taxation, and how much remains on which private

owners are required to pay taxes.

An endeavor will be made to convince Congress of the impracticability of the property-owning public of Washington to contribute revenues sufficient to develop the city in a manner demanded by Washingtonn's important and dignity as the Capital of the United States.

Agree On Objects.

The object, purpose and methods of the Committee of 100 were agreed on at a meeting of the executive committee in the office of Mr. Macfarland last night.

The executive committee members believe the Capital can be preserved only by the equal participation of the nation and the District in the cost of operation, maintenance and improvements, "according to the purpose of the founder, George Washington, and in conformity with his

ministers who want to pray for me, healthy citizens who want to fight for me, and women, to whom the language said to have been used by Johnson was distasteful, who want-ed me to know it." Girl Keeps Her Wits;

Intruder Is Captured How an eighteen-year-old girl maincovering a colored intruder hiding in

and succeeded in having him captured was told in the Police Court today when Manning C. Jones, colored, was arraigned on a charge of housebreak. ing.

Miss Mary Brooks, daughter of Loe
Brooks of the Lucerne apartments,
told how on drawing aside the curtains between two rooms, she discovered a man, standing with his back to

her.

"I was so scared I couldn't make an outcry," declared Miss Brooks. She said she walked with apparent poise to the rear of the apartment and there told her brother. The intruder was apprehended by the janitor.

ones was held in \$2,000 bond for the actio nof the grand just. The court has ordered that he undergo mental observation before he is taken to the grand jury.

GRANDMA USED SAGE TEA TO DARKEN HAIR

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